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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, SREF, BG, BM
SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO MUSLIMS FLEEING BURMA

REF: STATE 127656

1. BASED ON THE SCANTY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE AN ESTIMATE OF THOSE MUSLIMS FLEEING BURMA WHO ARE DISPLACED PERSONS OR REFUGEES ACCORDING TO THE DEFINITIONS IN REFTEL. IT COULD BE ANYWHERE FROM 20 TO 80 PERCENT EITHER WAY. THE GUB ITSELF DOES NOT KNOW. THIS IS THE REASON THE IMMIGRATION SURVEY WAS UNDERTAKEN TO BEGIN WITH. SO FAR WE HAVE PRESUMED THAT MOST OF THOSE WHO FLED DID SO OUT OF FEAR THAT THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO ESTABLISH THAT THEY HAD A RIGHT TO LIVE IN BURMA, BUT THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN PROVE THIS.

2. WE AGREE COMPLETELY THAT THE USG SHOULD OFFER ASSISTANCE TO
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THESE PEOPLE ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THE INTERNAL REQUIREMENT OF TRYING TO DETERMINE THE STATUS AND NATIONALITY OF THOSE TO BE ASSISTED, WE HOPE THAT IN SO DOING IT WILL BE POSSIBLE NOT RPT NOT TO DEPART FROM OUR POSITION OF STRICT NEUTRALITY AS TO THE MERITS OF THIS CONTROVERSY BETWEEN BURMA AND BANGLADESH.
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